

SPEECH OF MAJOR LOOSCAN.

May it please the court, since the order of the court overruling defendant's application for continuance, to which he respectfully submits, but which deprives him of the opportunity of the opportunity of being able to avail himself of the defence relied upon by him—that is the introduction of a certified copy of the divorce judgment in his behalf, obtained before his last marriage, and in fact the only defence he could make, as it, alone, could restore him his honor and lost position in public esteem, he now bids me in his behalf and for him to plead guilty to the charge in the indictment against him. And in doing so, he appeals to the clemency of your honor and the jury.

THE CHARGE

The charge of the Judge was quite brief. He cited the law upon the subject, and indicated that while they might inflict the extreme penalty of ~~the law~~ (three years in the State Penitentiary) they should take into merciful consideration the plea of the accused.

The jury then retired, and after a consultation of perhaps ten minutes, returned a

VERDICT

of guilty, assessing the punishment at two years in the State penitentiary.

F. Frank Rashleigh alias Ray Phillips, who, during the reading of the verdict, had shaded his face with his hands, bowed his head upon the table and so remained until the last of the spectators had left the room.